TO MISS SOPHIE WOSTEN.

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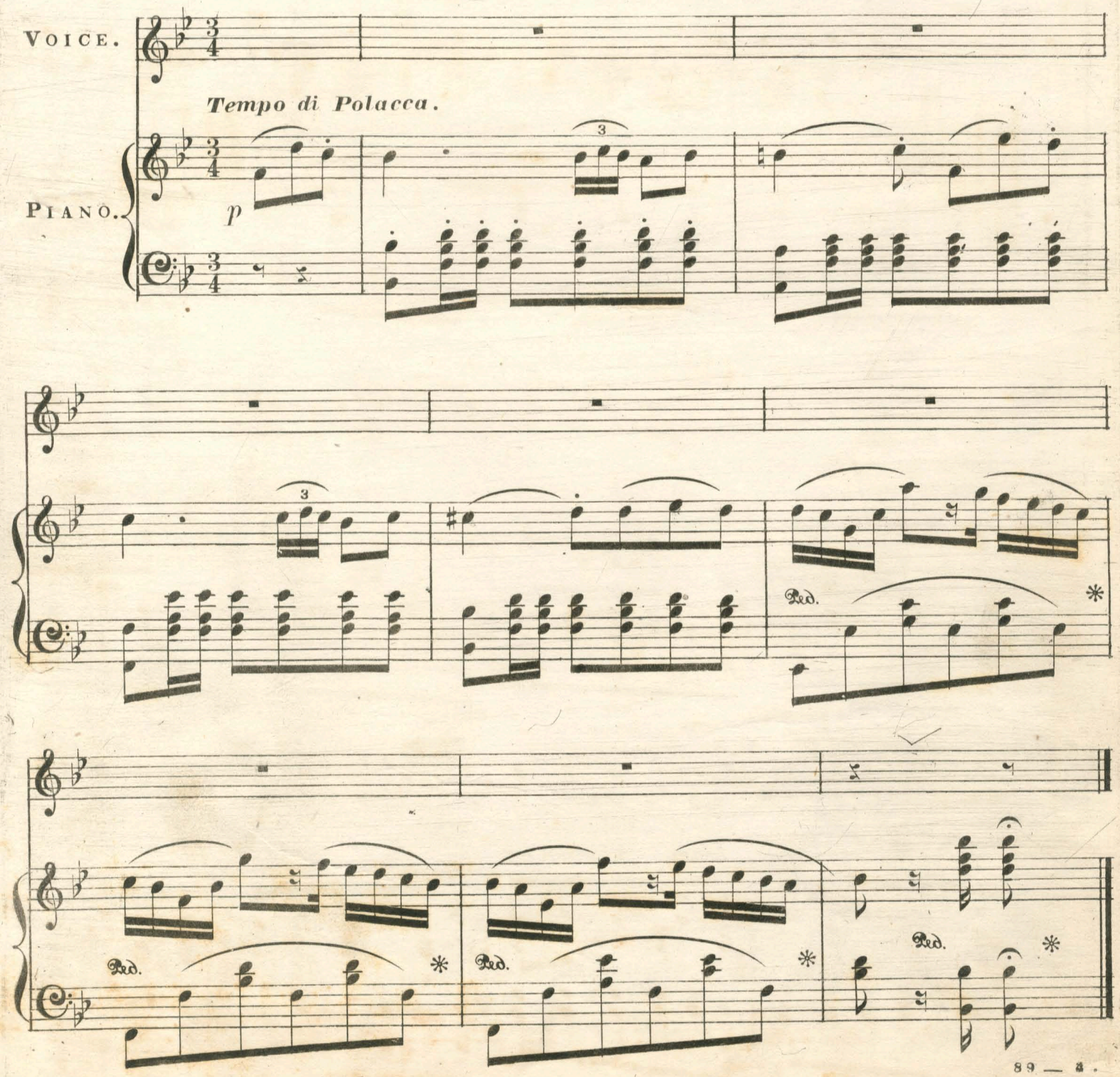

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3. How dull! to hear the voice of those Whom rank or chance, whom wealth or pow'r, Have made, tho'

Con spirito.

1. I would I were a careless child, Still dwelling in my highland cave, Or roaming

2. *Few are my years, and yet I feel, The world was ne'er design'd for me; Ah! why do*

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nei - - ther friends nor foes, Com - pan - ions of the fes - tive hour. Give me a -

through the dus - ky wild, Or bounding o'er the dark blue wave; The cumbrous

dark' - ning shades con - ceal The hour when man must cease to be? Once I be -

- gain a faithful few, In years and feel - - ings still the same, And I will

pomp of Saxon pride Accords not with the freeborn soul, Which loves the

- held a splendid dream, A vi - sion - a - - ry scene of bliss: Truth! wherefor

fly the midnight crew, Where boist'rous joy is but a name. Fain would I

con espress:

moun - tain's craggy side, And seeks the rocks where bil - lows roll. Fortune! take

did thy hated beam A - wake me to a world like this? I lov'd, but

fly the haunts of men — I seek to shun, not hate man - kind; My breast re -

back these cultur'd lands, Take back this name of splendid sound, I hate the

those I lov'd are gone; Had friends—my ear - ly friends have fled; How cheerless

meno mosso.

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- quires the sul - len glen, Whose gloom may suit a dark-en'd mind. Oh! that to

touch of servile hands, I hate the slaves that cringe a - round. Place me a -

feels the heart a - lone When all its for - mer hopes are dead? Tho' gay com-

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me the wings were giv'n Which bear the tur - - tle to her nest! Then would I

- long the rocks I love, Which sound to O - - cean's wildest roar; I ask but

- pa - nions o'er the bowl Dis - pel a while the sense of ill; Tho' pleasure

cleave the vault of heav'n, To flee a - way, and be at rest.

this — a-gain to rove Thro' scenes my youth hath known be - fore.

stirs the madd'ning soul, The heart—the heart is lone - ly still.